

Please support competition by disallowing the sale/transfer of Rainbow-1 satellite to Echostar. Only a small business, Rainbow DBS stands in the highest traditions of small business entrepreneurship in the United States. In the emerging HDTV market it behooves our country to be on the cutting edge of competition to drive the industry forward without falling prey to the restrictive R&D practices of oligopoly or monopoly. Please end the transfer of this satellite, as it only emboldens corporate perception that it can dictate to consumers what they shall demand. This is unacceptable in our society where businesses should supply what the consumer demands, or fail. Please promote competition by stopping Echostar's attempt to chop off a promising competitor at the knees. Let the consumers decide if Rainbow DBS will succeed or fail, don't make the decision for them.

Respectfully,

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